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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Bill Posey
United States House of Representatives
120 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Posey:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for the Commission to withdraw from its role as accounting authority of last resort for maritime mobile and maritime-satellite radio services. I appreciate your support for the work we are doing to avoid unnecessary use of government resources to provide services that are more properly provided by the private sector. Thank you as well for recognizing the transparency and openness initiative we have employed; and that the concerted effort we are making to address and close long-standing proceedings is essential to bringing certainty to vital sectors of the economy, which will, in turn, encourage innovation and stimulate the economy.

In your letter, you urge the FCC to consider reassigning the Commission's accounting code of US01 directly to COMSAT, thereby designating COMSAT as accounting authority of last resort. Please know that your views are very important, will be entered in the record of the proceeding, and will be considered as part of the Commission's review. Please know too that FCC staff have been and will continue to be working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and other members of the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee to ensure that the safety of those who depend on lifesaving communications is of utmost importance.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of each word being prominent.

Ajit V. Pai